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March 28, 2006

The Honorable Jim Honeyford  
The Honorable Bob Morton  
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Washington State Senate  
Post Office Box 40482  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0482

The Honorable Maralyn Chase  
The Honorable Bill Eickmeyer  
The Honorable Tami Green  
The Honorable John McCoy  
The Honorable Al O'Brien  
The Honorable Brian Sullivan  
House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 40600  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0600

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Thank you for your letter requesting the Department of Health adopt rules to facilitate approval of new and innovative technologies for septic systems.

In order to establish new permitting standards, the Washington State Board of Health (SBOH) must amend the current on-site sewage system rules. I have forwarded your request to the SBOH as a petition for rulemaking under RCW 34.05.330. The SBOH will consider your request, and may either initiate rulemaking or deny the petition.

You request adoption of rules regarding the review and approval of new technological applications. My staff tell me you may be referring to the Pirana-ABG technology. They have a meeting scheduled in early April with representatives of Pirana-ABG technology to explore solutions that may expedite resolution of their concerns outside of rulemaking. We will work closely with the SBOH should rulemaking be the best option.

I share your commitment to the approval of effective septic system products that protect public health and water quality.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Selecky  
Secretary

cc: Craig McLaughlin, Washington State Board of Health  
Maryanne Guichard, Department of Health  
Brad Avy, Department of Health





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The Honorable Brad Owen  
Office of the Governor  
220 Legislative Building  
Olympia, WA 98504-0400

Dear Lieutenant Governor Owen:

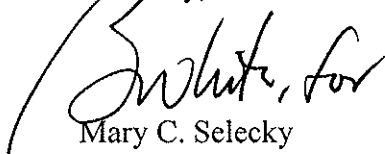
Thank you for your letter requesting that the Department of Health establish a permitting standard to deal with new technologies in the area of septic system treatment and drainfield recovery.

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